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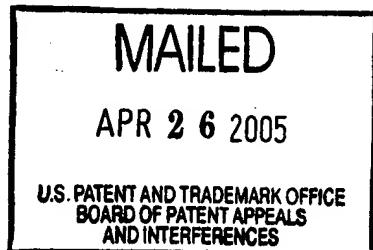
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte KATSUHISA ARATANI
and
TAKASHI UENO

Appeal No. 2004-2325
Application No. 09/429,719

ON BRIEF



Before HARKCOM, Acting Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and NASE and DELMENDO, Administrative Patent Judges.

Per curiam.

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

On February 4, 2005, counsel for the appellants filed a paper requesting withdrawal of the appeal in the above-identified application. In addition, counsel requested the cancellation of "claims 1-20" [sic, claims 17, 18, and 20],¹ leaving only allowable claims 21 through 24 as pending.

¹ The appeal brief filed on Dec. 30, 2002 and the examiner's answer mailed on Mar. 11, 2003 indicate that claims 17, 18, and 20-24 are the only pending claims.

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Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is hereby returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

DISMISSED



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